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amendment on to the Newell amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Abboud amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Newell, your light just came on. Did you wish to speak to this, to the Abboud amendment?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, I would like to ask Senator Abboud a question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Would you respond, Senator Abboud.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Abboud, because you were the introducer and it is on General File, your amendment came up first and my amendment has not been adopted. So your amendment will basically go to the bill, will amend the bill, and then my amendment will come up afterwards. Now I don't know that they are particularly contradictory so I am going to support your amendment but I want you to know that you are not amending my amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Abboud amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the adoption of the Abboud amendment. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Abboud's amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Abboud amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, first of all, there was an amendment from Senator Newell that was printed in the Journal. Technically he wishes to withdraw that one, Mr. President, and reoffer an amendment with certain language. The amendment would read as follows, Mr. President. (Read Newell amendment found on page 1038, Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Let me just briefly explain why the little amendment. Presently the City of Ralston has two wards and those two wards elect the present four council members, and so with this amendment, the original way I had it drafted was to indicate that it would be elected by district if the people of Ralston chose or move to at large, and it was not the intent to require at large so we keep the present status with two wards. In other words the issue here is whether or not we should require...give the people of the City of Ralston, which in effect this bill only deals with, an opportunity to vote on how they would choose to